

## REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 set forth in the March 4, 2004 Office Action, Applicants elect, without traverse, for the continued prosecution of the species of Fig. 1 and Fig. 2. Claims 7-20 have been cancelled without prejudice. New independent claim 21 has been added. It is believed that claims 1-6, and 21 are readable upon Fig. 1 and Fig. 2.

By virtue of this Amendment, claims 1-6, and 21 are the only claims pending. Applicants reserve the right to later file a divisional application directed to the non-elected, canceled claims.

Kindly change the inventorship of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) to delete Yusuke Konagai, Akira Usui, Kentaro Nomoto, Masaki Dojun, and Kazuhiko Honda as their invention contribution is no longer being claimed with the cancellation of claims 7-20, leaving Takuya Tamaru, Tatsuo Fushiki, and Katsuichi Osakabe as named inventors.

This amendment is accompanied by the requisite fee under §1.17(i).

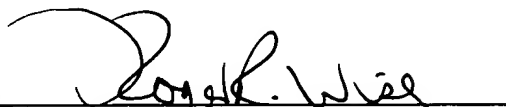
An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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